

Don't Fire Your Church Members: Elder-Led Congregationalism-MT 301

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Room: Chapel / Cost: No Cost

Jesus said that He would build His Church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it (Matt. 16:18). What a glorious promise! The King of Kings has established an indestructible, global institution to glorify His name and bring the blessing of salvation to the nations by making disciples of people from every nation, tribe, and language (Matt. 28:19; Rev. 5:9).

But did He say anything about how He is going to build the Church? What about individual local churches? How should we go about our mission? How should we be organized? Who should lead? How should they lead? Which responsibilities are delegated to the whole church, and which ones are especially for the leaders?

These may not be the kind of questions that keep you up at night, but we believe they are important for us to consider as a local church. In this class, we will be discussing what the Bible says about how a church should be governed, or what is called church "polity." While it is certainly not a major theme, we believe the Bible has a lot to say about how churches should be organized, about who is responsible for what, and how that impacts the mission that Jesus has given to us. Open to everyone.

Registration

Register for our 2026
Equippers courses online!

www.southlife.org/equippers

Didn't get a chance to register online? It's never too late to sign up! Find the course you'd like to attend and sign up with the facilitator during the first session on January 11.



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equipping believers
for life and service
Ephesians 4:11-12

Sunday Nights

January 11 - March 15, 2026
(no Equippers on February 1)

6:00 ... Courses begin

7:15... Courses end

Welcome to equippers

Ephesians 4:11-12 "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **to equip the saints for the work of ministry**, for building up the body of Christ..."

Are you equipped for Christian life and ministry? Whether new to the faith or a seasoned believer, we all need to be continually equipped for ministry, which is why we organize the "Equippers" series each year.

The authentic for Christian life is an integration of knowing, being, and doing, which is why the Equippers courses are divided into the three content areas described below. Please take time to explore the courses and register today at www.southlife.org/equippers.

Bible/Theology (BT) courses will focus on **knowing** God through His Word – the Bible. These courses will **equip you to know** God more deeply as you study His Word.

Ministry Training (MT) courses will focus on **doing** the works of service which God has planned for you. These courses will **equip you to do** the ministry activities which are commanded in His Word.

Spiritual Formation (SF) courses will focus on **being** a more mature follower of Christ. These courses will **equip you to be** more confident and consistent in living the Christian life as you are led by God's Word and Spirit.

How to Study the Bible - BT 201

Dave Seal

Room: 206 / Cost: \$8 for the book

Using the epistle of Jude and other Scripture, this course will teach the foundational principles and tools of biblical interpretation. The principles, tools, and practices that we examine will enhance your ability to interpret Scripture for study, for ministry, and for personal life. This course will be approached as a science, an art, and a spiritual activity groups.

Evangelism – MT 101

Matt & Shannon DeLap

Room: 204 / Cost: \$10 for the book

Do you want to help others around you know and follow Jesus but don't know how? Do you want to grow in your desire to reach out to others? Do you want partnership with fellow believers in reaching out to others? Join us in this evangelism equippers workshop to grow in your heart for evangelism, be given tools for evangelism, and have accountability and encouragement as we take steps together to reach out to those around us. This class is open to everyone.

Making Disciples - MT 201

Pastor Travis Parks

Room: 201 / Cost: \$10 for the book

How do you help another believer grow in Christ? Do you believe God can use you despite your weaknesses and fears? We hope this class encourages us all to move toward others to help them in their faith. We will work through *The Ways of the Alongsider* workbook to gain a heart and skills of investing our lives in others through studying God's Word, asking questions and genuinely loving them. This course is for college students and non-college students. Join us as we seek to be used by God in the lives of others!